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MEETING OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE JAPANESE RESIDENTS CORPORATION

At noon yesterday the Education Committee of the Japanese Residents Corporation held a meeting in the assembly hall of the Corporation. Questions regarding the annual promotion of teachers of the Japanese schools and the engagement of 3 additional teachers for primary schools and 6 for middle schools were discussed.

NEWLY APPOINTED JAPANESE CONSULAR POLICE OFFICERS VISIT VARIOUS CIRCLES

Yesterday Mr. Ueda, newly appointed chief of the Japanese Consular Police, and Mr. Aoyanagi, newly appointed officer in charge of the 2nd Section of the Police, paid visits to various circles for the purpose of making known their appointments.

KOREAN ARRESTED IN TIENSIN BROUGHT TO SHANGHAI

Acting on the instruction of the Shanghai Japanese Consular Police, the Consular Police at Tientsin arrested a Korean named Myung Suk Won, age 28, on a charge of fraud and brought him here on February 11 on the S.S. Koten Maru.

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S. 2, Special Branch Station.

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Date. February 6, 1935.

Subject. Political affairs of the Japanese community against the Japanese Consul-General.

Made by Dr. S. Umemoto.

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A law governing the Shanghai Japanese residents' Corporation was promulgated by the Japanese government in 1905 and by virtue of this decree, an order was issued in 1907 by the then Foreign Minister approving the establishment of the local Japanese residents' Corporation which was authorized to function in the International Settlement, in the French Concession and in Chinese controlled territory, including Footung, within a two mile area from the boundaries of the International Settlement and the French Concession. Rules for the enforcement of the Corporation Law were put into effect in the following year and were subsequently revised as occasion arose.

The Corporation comprises 60 members bi-annually elected by Japanese ratepayers; this number, however, will be decreased to 40 persons at the forthcoming polls on February 23 and 24, 1935 in accordance with stipulations contained in the revised regulations governing the functions of the Corporation enforced in December 1934.

With the object of promoting the welfare of the Japanese community, the following enterprises are at present being undertaken by the Corporation:-

- 1) Education of Japanese children: For this purpose, four primary schools, a commercial school for boys, a high school for girls and a night school for training in business procedure are being operated.
- 2) Medical Treatment
- 3) Cemetery and Crematorium
- 4) Relief work for destitutes
- 5) Loans to merchants: With a view to alleviating trade

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depression existing action a sort of a strike of the
Japanese community, a sum of five million yen has been
collected from the Chinese government.

Formation of Council: The Japanese organization of the corporation
it has been authorized to levy income, light and telephone
taxes on Japanese residents.

In order to deliberate on matters affecting Japanese
interests and to maintain co-operation with the various local
and cities and public utility companies, a petition committee
of seven members was appointed in 1933. Mr. T. Ikeda is the
Chairman. During their deliberations on matters relating to
the municipal administration, the corporation has submitted
during the last few years various petitions and proposals to
the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Recent activities in this connection are as follows:-

- 1) Negotiations with the Shanghai Municipal Council concerning
the issue of an educational grant.
- 2) Proposals to the Municipal Council for an increase in the
number of Japanese employees.
- 3) Negotiations with the Shanghai Telephone Co. concerning
the increase in telephone charges.

As the Corporation functions under the supervision of the
local Japanese authorities its attitude towards local affairs
may be said to be in favour of the policy adopted by the Consul-
General.

The Shanghai Japanese Amalgamated Association of Street
Unions was organized in 1925 with the object of promoting the
welfare of the members of street unions and of maintaining
closer communications so that assistance and protection might

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and a general strike was called on the 15th of January. The Japanese and Chinese residents in the Chinese residential settlement are in agreement that the outside roads should be open to traffic. However, the Japanese residents do not exist in the Chinese residential area. The Chinese residents, however, are organized in the Chinese Association of Shanghai, which consists of those who are the middle and the lower. They are called "Shanghai-landers" and their interests are represented on the Japanese residents' Corporation by their members.

Matters affecting their interests are those of the Chinese, particularly of the Shanghai-landers, and Japanese residents are also to be concerned with the Chinese-landers from time to time in certain.

The Association was formerly engaged in negotiating with various authorities in presenting opinions expressed by members of street unions but following a verbal warning issued to members of the Standing Committee by Mr. Ishii, Japanese Consul-General, it has discontinued such activities.

Matters at present calling the attention of the association are as follows:-

1) Increase in telephone charges

Regarding this matter a resolution was passed at a meeting of the Northern Branch of the Association to protest against the increase. A meeting was recently held at the Japanese Club between the representatives of the Telephone Co., the Residents' Corporation and this association. No decision was reached.

2) Outside Roads Question

Proposals were submitted to the Japanese Consul-General who was also requested to act in conformity with the wishes

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of the Japanese residents in the settlement of the question of the Outside Roads Area.

The Japanese Residents' Corporation and the Japanese Amalgamated Association of Street Unions represent different interests. The attitude of these bodies towards local affairs consequently differ and are often divergently opposed. However, there seems to be no danger of these differences giving rise to serious enmity or preventing co-operation in matters of mutual interest. Differences are not so likely to become intense in the future as in the past. Mr. Yasui, who will probably be the new paid-chairman of the Japanese Residents' Corporation, is a man of cool disposition and sound judgment. Mr. Amano, the present Chairman of the Amalgamated Association of Street Unions, is a man of a conciliatory nature.

M. J. Meekins.

D. S.

Deputy Commissioner, Special Branch.

Commissioner of Police,
Sir,

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J. J. Meekins
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Memorandum.POLICE FORCE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, January 31 1935

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The report on the Agitation

Among the Japanese Community against the Japanese Consul-General should be abridged and clarified. The former and present status of the Japanese Street Unions and the Japanese Residents Corporation, ^{and} the respective attitude of each of these bodies towards local political affairs should be made clear. Have the Japanese Street Unions been superseded by the Japanese Residents Corporation?

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Date January 10, 1920.

Subject: Arbitration upon the Japanese community against the Japanese consul-general.

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In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry
Commissioner, Special Branch, on the attached extract from
the French Police dated January 20, 1936, on a protest of
the Japanese community against Mr. Ishii,
Japanese Consul-General, - have to state that no threatening
attitude has been adopted by the Japanese community against
the Consul-General in protest against his adoption of an alienated
policy towards the Chinese authorities and the Shanghai
Municipal Council on the outside roads question.

regarding the threatening letter which is reported to have been sent to the Consul-General, the Japanese Consular Police deny that any such mission was received and as no protection has been provided to this official the information can be regarded as groundless.

In view of the fact that the outside reads question is being dealt with by the Consul-General in consultation with the local Japanese Naval Authorities who are responsible for the defence of the area under negotiation, it is hardly believable that Lieutenant-Colonel Kagesa, who holds the post of Senior Adjutant to the Military Attaché to the Japanese Legation in China, should interfere in any way with the work of other officials over local affairs and to support a movement which is alleged to be carried out by disgruntled members of the Japanese Street Unions against the Consul-General.

Prior to the assumption of office by Mr. Ishii in 1933, the local Japanese amalgamated association of Street Unions, of which Mr. Y. Hayashi was the Chairman, had been functioning on behalf of the Japanese residents and in representing the opinions of the Japanese community had been submitting petitions

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to local projects with the various local authorities. The Consul-General's attitude and the Association was regarded by Mr. Ishii as exceeding his authority. Consequently, committee members of the Association were warned by him to refrain from doing such work which would be, in future, undertaken by the local Japanese residents' corporation, a semi-official organization functioning under the supervision of the Consul-General.

The measures adopted by the Consul-General created no little ill-feeling amongst certain members of the Association, who make it a point to express adverse criticism on whatever is done by him. However, it can be safely said that no agitation of a serious nature exists among the Japanese community.

Early in 1934 when the Japanese rate-payers expressed their opinions in favour of nominating three Japanese members to the Municipal Council it is learned that Mr. Ishii asked them to be satisfied with the present number of two, because if such be the case the British Consul-General would support the Japanese proposals relating to the outside roads question which is under negotiation between the Municipal Council and the Chinese authorities. The compromise made on the part of the Consul-General was again received with dissatisfaction by certain members of the Japanese public.

Subsequent to the commencement of negotiations over this question, the Northern Branch of the local Japanese amalgamated Association of Street Unions sent a delegation to the local Japanese Consulate-General to submit a petition requesting the Consul-General to act in conformity with the wishes of the Japanese residents in the Northern District who

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would be directly affected by the negotiations. They also forwarded a plan of areas in the northern districts to be included in the so-called "Special District". It is learned that the original plan was rejected because it included vast areas extending as far as the Shanghai race course. A second plan was then submitted and, according to a report made by the chairman of the northern branch of the local Japanese amalgamated association of street traders, there is a possibility of the Chinese authorities accepting this proposal.

The Japanese residents are at present calmly but carefully watching the development of discussions over the outside roads question which are being held between the Municipal Council and the Chinese authorities having confidence in Mr. Asai who is expected to do his work to the satisfaction of the Japanese community.

Memorandum

D. S.

Deputy Commissioner, Special Branch.

Commissioner of Police
Sir,

Information.

J. P. Guerin
D. C. (Sp. Br.)

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Translation of extract from French Police Daily
Intelligence Report dated January 24, 1935.

Parag. 23. Agitation in the local Japanese community
(In continuation of our reports dated 15/1/35 -
Part 1, parag. 24, and 17/1/35 - Part 2, Parag. 34)

Agitation which is going on in the local Japanese community against Mr. ISHII, Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, who is accused with adopting a weak attitude towards the Chinese authorities and the S.M.C., seems to be developing.

The movement seems to be particularly popular among members of the Japanese Street Unions who fear that the Consul-General may yield too readily in the matter of outside roads. It is even reported that Mr. ISHII received recently a threatening letter to the effect that drastic steps would be taken against him should he not modify his policy.

According to information, which is difficult to verify, this movement of protest is to a certain degree supported and inspired by Lt.-Colonel KAGESA, Japanese Military Attaché Adjoint in China, residing in Shanghai, who was appointed to this post in December last.

Remark of D.G. (Special Branch)

" S.C. For discreet inquiry and report. The matter is delicate and should be handled carefully."

D.S. Umemoto

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